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AMENDMENT UNDER §116

Applicants hereby respond to the Official Action dated January 22, 2004 as follows.

Amendments to the claims, if any, are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Amendment/Response
 Return receipt postcard

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	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	22	- 20 =	2	x \$18.00	36.00
Independent Claims	3	- 3 =	0	x \$86.00	
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$290.00					
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